



## The Mass of the Last Supper

(The people's responses in bold represent wording that has changed in the Mass.)

### A Reading from the Book of Exodus

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall stand at the head of your calendar; you shall reckon it the first month of the year. Tell the whole community of Israel: On the tenth of this month every one of your families must procure for itself a lamb, one apiece for each household. If a family is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join the nearest household in procuring one and shall share in the lamb in proportion to the number of persons who partake of it. The lamb must be a year-old male and without blemish. You may take it from either the sheep or the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, and then, with the whole assembly of Israel present, it shall be slaughtered during the evening twilight. They shall take some of its blood and apply it to the two doorposts and the lintel of every house in which they partake of the lamb. That same night they shall eat its roasted flesh with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. "This is how you are to eat it: with your loins girt, sandals on our feet and your staff in hand, you shall eat like those who are in flight. It is the Passover of the LORD. For on this same night I will go through Egypt, striking down every firstborn of the land, both man and beast, and executing judgment on all the gods of Egypt? I, the LORD! But the blood will mark the houses where you are. Seeing the blood, I will pass over you; thus, when I strike the land of Egypt, no destructive blow will come upon you. "This day shall be a memorial feast for you, which all your generations shall celebrate with pilgrimage to the LORD, as a perpetual institution."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**The Responsorial:**      Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.

### A Reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Lector: Praise and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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Lector: I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you.

People Only: Praise and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Priest: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to St John.*

People: Glory to you, **O** Lord.

## The Holy Gospel according to St. John

Before the feast of Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to pass from this world to the Father. He loved his own in the world and he loved them to the end. The devil had already induced Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot, to hand him over. So, during supper, fully aware that the Father had put everything into his power and that he had come from God and was returning to God, he rose from supper and took off his outer garments. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel around his waist. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Master, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing, you do not understand now, but you will understand later." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "Unless I wash you, you will have no inheritance with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Master, then not only my feet, but my hands and head as well." Jesus said to him, "Whoever has bathed has no need except to have his feet washed, for he is clean all over; so you are clean, but not all." For he knew who would betray him; for this reason, he said, "Not all of you are clean." So when he had washed their feet and put his garments back on and reclined at table again, he said to them, "Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me 'teacher' and 'master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Prayer Said by the People After The Pray Brethren Prayer of the Priest

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of His Name, for our good and the good of all His **holy** church.

Priest: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People: **It is right and just.**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of **Hosts**.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Priest: *The mystery of Faith.*

People: **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until You come again.**

Priest: *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

People: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: **Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him** who takes away the sins of the world. **Blessed** are those called to **the supper of the Lamb.**

People: Lord, I am not worthy **that You should enter under my roof**, but only say the word and **my soul** shall be healed.

## After Communion

Following the communion the altar is stripped of any cloth, the candles are extinguished and the Holy Water fonts are emptied in remembrance of Our Lord's Agony in the Garden after the Last Supper. It is also symbolic of after His Agony in the Garden His garments being stripped off at His trial. Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist is now processed throughout the church in remembrance of His walk after the Last Supper to the Garden of Gethsemani (also called the Garden of Olives) where He did His agony in the garden before He was arrested. After Our Lord is placed in the side altar symbolic of the Garden of Olives and after the priest incenses the Sacred Host he departs in silence and the Mass is ended. Please remain kneeling for the next few minutes symbolic of your willingness to pray with Our Lord during His agony in the garden. The Chapel will remain open until 10 pm. Please if you would ask other members of your families to try and come down and pray with Our Lord for five minutes anytime between now and 10 pm. At 10pm Our Lord is taken solemnly in procession to a hidden tabernacle symbolic of His being taken after His arrest to His trial where he suffered the Scourging at the Pillar and the Crowning of Thorns.

